

FIRST YEARS IN EARLINGTON (Continuation of "Foot")

for April 3 on the history of Earlington

The first court was held under an oak tree on the west side of the river by Judge W. H. Kea. The first lawyer to plead in Earlington was F. J. Snyder a noted lawyer who lived in Hunterville. He was opposed that day by L. N. McClintic who was just starting on his professional career.

The first term of the Circuit Court was held in 1868. The election to move the court seat from Hunterville to Earlington was held on the fall of 1861, and a temporary Court house, and old wooden structure was erected.

The judge was Judge A. V. Campbell of Monroe County. He was a great lawyer over six feet tall, with a heavy black beard, and weighed 215 pounds.

The first sheriff of the county Major William Peage, lived at Earlington. His house was near Eleventh Street on Camden Avenue. In this house was born James A. Moffett who in his lifetime was president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

The first postmaster was James Atlee Price.

The first student to go to college from this place was Rev. William T. Price A. B., A. M., D. D.

The first bank was the Bank of Earlington in 1895.

The first newspaper was the Foscotmas Times, founded in 1880 at Hunterville and moved to Earlington in 1892.

The first store was opened by J. N. Apperson in a house now occupied as a dwelling. The first business of any kind established in Earlington was a combined saw mill and carding mill built by James A. Price before the Civil war. It was in charge of J. W. E. Gibbs who later became wealthy by the invention of the sewing machine.

One of the first stores was opened by Paul Golden who is still among us, and still in the mercantile business. A sign that he had painted on the store in his early days caused some hilarity among the nations of the world. It read:

The first school of which there is any official record was a private school, and it was opened in a building that stood near Riverside, and it closed after a session or two.

The first teacher's institute was held in 1868 in the Presbyterian Church.

The first church was the Presbyterian on the site of the present church.

The first resident judge of the court was Sumner L. Sharp.

The first mayor of the town was Agnes Price.

The first state senator was J. G. McNeil.

The first Presidential Elector was Col. G. J. Lee.

The first delegate to the legislature, I. W. McClintock.

The first member of the county court Dr. Jorran S. Price.

The first chief of police, J. A. Sharp.

The first train to arrive was in 1860 when the track was completed to this place.

The first jail delivery was when Armstrong and Cumberland got out of jail at that time owing to the election. The jail had been completed and it was the modern idea of a strong jail. It was confidently expected that it would hold any body. The county had suffered a series of bold robberies and suspicions had attached to Alex Armstrong, an intelligent colored man, a native of this county, who had moved to Chicago town. It was thought that he raided this county, robbed the bank, and that he would come to the nearest railroad station, make a quick trip into the county and return to Chicago. The sheriff was so sure that the authorities would catch him for his return, and he showed up one winter day traveling incognito with a big, dark, strange negro. R. E. Burns suspected them and they were indicted and convicted of the robbery of Capt. A. V. Edgar, held up at the point of a revolver in his own house at nightfall.

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The two oldest buildings still standing are the Toll House and the ...

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made this statement. "This is the oldest land mark east of the 'Mississippi'".
It should read thus:

[This is the oldest land mark in the 'Mississippi basin.]